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APPENDIX III.

[*Vide* answer to starred question No. 230 asked by Vidwan T. Muthukannappan at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 1st April 1961, page 149 supra.]

A.—(*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Out of the total quantity of 27 million cubic yards of overburden to be removed from the first mine cut area to mine $3\frac{1}{2}$ million tons of lignite, and about 20 million cubic yards to be removed to win smaller initial quantities needed for the Power Station, a quantity of 15·65 million cubic yards was removed up to the end of December 1960. Further work is in progress.

Supply of working drawings for most of the items for the Thermal Power Station were received. Civil works were taken up. Work on Administrative Buildings, Canteen, Time Office, Lake Pump House, Service House, Compressor Building, etc., was completed. Work in Main Power House Stacks, Cooling Tower, Coal Receiving Bunker, Crusher House, Turbo Generator, Gallaries, 110 KV and 33 KV Yard, etc., is in different stages of progress. The Russian Engineers had arrived at site for the works. They are rendering technical assistance. The component parts for Boiler Unit I and Turbo Generator Unit I have begun to arrive at site.

Contracts were concluded with Messers. Ansaldo, Italy, and P.B.L., West Germany for the supply of various groups of plant, machinery and equipment required for the Fertilizer Scheme. Final design drawings were received for a number of items coming under different groups of the Unit. Preparation of final design drawings is in progress for some items while basic drawings and designs are under preparation for the remaining items. Civil works for the installation of the plant are in progress. The first shipment of plant and machinery is expected to be received shortly and erection work will commence, after the equipment is transported to site.

The tenders received for the supply and erection of the Briquetting and Carbonization Plant are under consideration.

The tenders received for the supply and errection of the Clay Washing Plant were finalized and the contract was signed on 13th September 1960. The preliminary layout drawings of the Plant were received and they were under study. Drawings for civil works have been received and the work on the office building, main factory building, etc., has commenced.